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FYI- NPR Connecticut news story on PCBs in schools.

Also, here are the highlights from the R5 call with the Sky Valley Education Center today. I unfortunately had a previously scheduled meeting that I could not miss, so I was not on the call with the school.

- The school district will have bids for caulk removal by June 30th.
- The school district's contractor has identified the areas where the grey PCB contaminated caulk is present. (John will send us a map)
- Caulk removal should begin in early July.
- Lights were removed from Room A (the room with the highest air levels), the air was resampled and now is non detect. Seeing air levels went down after lights were removed, the school district is now considering widespread light removal throughout the school instead of trying more cleaning.
- Tile and carpeting is going to be removed in the Annex building and certain locations in the Pod building.
- The school district was made aware of the teacher's email expressing concern about the personal items. The school district will propose a response.

We will check in again during the first week of July to get a status update.

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Poison lurking in schools

Across the country, tens of thousands of public schools could be contaminated with toxic polychlorinated biphenyls – a compound more commonly known as PCBs, which were used widely in the caulking of windows. And many schools are trying to cover it up.

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